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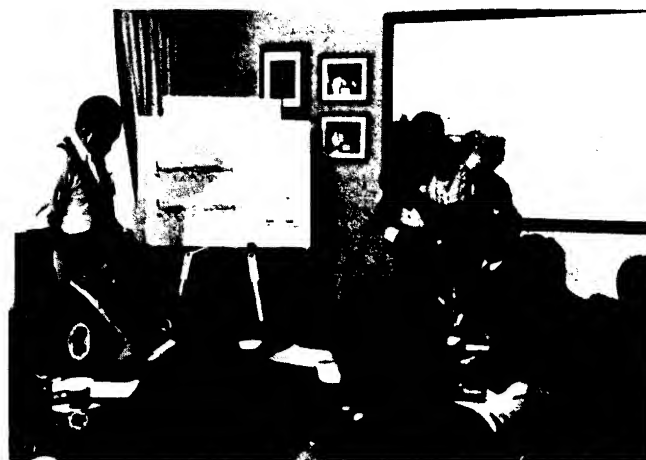
October, November 1979

General Graham Exposes Massive SALT Loopholes

At a special Coalition press conference Coalition Co-Chairman, Lieutenant General Daniel Graham, detailed two massive loopholes in the SALT II Treaty. While all U.S. strategic weapons *are* counted, including over 200 deactivated B-52 bombers, the treaty fails to count the Soviet SS-20 mobile ICBM and the strategic, supersonic Backfire bomber. General Graham revealed that by 1985, the last year of the treaty, the Soviet Union could have almost 900 mobile ICBMs and 400 Backfire bombers.

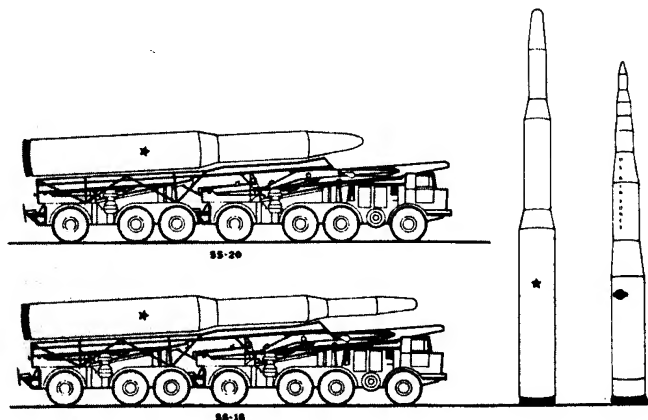
The General explained how the SS-20's range could be rapidly expanded by the addition of a third stage. This would turn it into the SS-16, an ICBM that the Soviets have already extensively tested. The General revealed that the SS-16 had been tested in great secrecy near the Arctic circle to keep it as far away as possible from U.S. intelligence facilities. He noted that tests had been conducted at night to hide the missile from satellite photography, and electronic data from the missile had been transmitted in a code to confuse U.S. intelligence.

As the former Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, General Graham was able to assert that there is no way the U.S. can adequately verify the Soviets' promise at SALT II not to produce the SS-16. Since the SS-20 requires the manufacture of the first two stages of the SS-16, American satellite cameras would have to be able to look *inside* Soviet factories to monitor whether a third stage was being produced. Furthermore, it would be very easy to conceal a third stage after it had been produced. The U.S. does not even know how many SS-16s have been produced already. All U.S. intelligence has is a minimum figure of complete SS-16s which far exceeds the number of SS-16s either used for test firing or visibly deployed. General Graham also pointed out that the SS-20 and the SS-16 are being moved around the Soviet Union on identical mobile transporters.



General Daniel Graham discussing the SS-20 while an NBC News camera crew filmed the press conference.

Transporters used to move SS-20s and SS-16s.



SALT Syndrome Gaining Wide Approval

The Coalition's film, "The SALT Syndrome," has already had a major impact. At the press preview in Washington Congressman Robert Dornan (R-Cal.) was so impressed that he stood up and made a speech congratulating the Coalition for a fine job. Similar comments were heard at a special showing for Members of Congress on September 13. The film is beginning to be shown on major TV stations. Keep a lookout for its showings in your area.

If it should be shown, it would be very helpful if you would write to the station that put it on and thank them for their efforts.

So far, "The SALT Syndrome" has been very well received by major TV stations. It has been shown by affiliates of the big three TV networks in St. Louis, Missouri; Houston, Texas; Austin, Texas; Tampa, Florida, and Akron, Ohio. Public TV stations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Charleston, South Carolina, and other major cities have shown the film, as have important independent stations in key television markets like Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

SALT Syndrome Order Form

___ 16 mm Film(s)

___ VHS Videocassette(s)

___ Betamax Videocassette(s)

___ ¾ Inch Videocassette(s)

___ Check enclosed (payable to ASCEF) ___ Bill me

Signature _____ Date _____

_____ Total cost of orders at \$275.00 each.

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The Coalition's "SALT Syndrome" film is available in 16mm film and can also be obtained on 3/4 inch, VHS, or Betamax (slow speed mode) videocassettes. The purchase price is \$275.00. We pay postage and handling charges. You can order a copy by filling out the form below and sending it to SALT Syndrome, Boston, Virginia 22713. Please make checks payable to the American Security Council Education Foundation.



Coalition Co-Chairman for Administration, John Fisher, addressing Coalition Congressional members at film preview for Congress.

Leading members of Washington press corps watching preview of "SALT Syndrome".



New Policy for Coalition Speakers Bureau

Due to the immense demand for Coalition speakers all across America, it has been necessary to implement a new policy for the Coalition Speakers' Bureau. In order to concentrate its resources on the Senate battle over SALT II, the Coalition will have to charge a fee for all future speaking engagements.

Each speaking engagement for a staff member of the Coalition will now require a \$250 to \$500 honorarium payable to the American Security Council. All the expenses of Coalition staff members will have to be paid by the hosts of the speakers. These costs are payable in either cash or membership payments.

If you would like a speaker in your area, please contact the Speakers' Bureau at 703-825-1776.

CBS Chooses General Graham to Reply to Carter's Cuban Speech

In a special report broadcast nationwide at 10:30 PM on October 10, CBS chose Coalition Co-Chairman, General Daniel Graham, to reply to President Carter's speech on Cuba. General Graham warned CBS's viewers that President Carter's acquiescence to the presence of Soviet troops in Cuba marked the final demise of the Monroe Doctrine. He noted that the President was directly responsible for the failure of U.S. intelligence to detect the presence of the troops because he had canceled U.S. intelligence flights over Cuba. He put the President's position on Cuba in the context of a retreat of American power around the world.

Coalition Confronts Key Pro-SALT Lobby in Major Public Debate

In one of the most important debates on SALT II the Coalition directly confronted the key non-government lobby for SALT II, Americans for SALT. The debate was sponsored by the Washington Society of Association Executives, which represents the leading business executives of the Washington, D.C. area.

Speaking on behalf of the Coalition was Senator Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.), one of the leading opponents of SALT II in the U.S. Senate, and Coalition Co-Chairman, Lieutenant General Daniel Graham. Speaking on behalf of Americans for SALT were Congressman Bob Carr (D-Mich.), a longtime critic of the Pentagon, and former CIA Director, William Colby.

Both Senator Hollings and General Graham pointed out that the treaty was dangerous and unverifiable. They attacked the dangerous sense of euphoria produced by SALT I and suggested that the same dangerous state of mind could be produced by SALT II.

Senator Hollings urgently spoke out for a new American defense policy, one compatible with the concept of Peace through Strength:

"The need for the hour is to reawaken and rearm. There isn't any question about it. . . . The most important social service we can give our people is to keep them safe, alive and free."

Mr. Richard Melliand, who supervises the Washington Society of Association Executives debate program, stated that the SALT II debate was one of the best he had ever held.

The debate even attracted the attention of the Soviet Bloc press. For example, a Hungarian news team filmed it and later interviewed both Senator Hollings and General Graham.

American Security Council Education Foundation Takes Fight for TV Fairness to U.S. Supreme Court

On September 27 the American Security Council Education Foundation filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court asking the Court to review the decision of the U.S. District Court of Appeals on the Foundation's landmark case against the unbalanced coverage of national security views by CBS TV News.

The entire matter began with the ASCEF's comprehensive study, *TV and National Defense*, published in 1975. The study revealed that *CBS Evening News*, the most widely watched TV News program in America, devoted only 3.54 percent of its coverage of national defense to spokesmen advocating a greater American commitment to defense while devoting 61.83 percent of its defense coverage to those wanting a smaller American commitment to national security.

While the study gained nationwide acclaim, CBS refused to consider the complaints in the study. Thus, the ASCEF brought the matter to the Federal Communications Commission, charging a breach of the Fairness Doctrine by CBS-TV. The FCC summarily rejected the ASCEF appeal — causing the ASCEF to go into court to defend the public's right to be informed about the real facts of national security. A significant legal victory was won in 1978 when a three-judge Panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia voted two-to-one in favor of the ASCEF. However, a massive legal effort by a team of CBS and FCC lawyers caused the entire Court of Appeals to rule six-to-three against the ASCEF.

The ASCEF found the Appeals Court decision particularly disturbing because it ignored the details of

IN THE
Supreme Court of the United States

OCTOBER TERM, 1979

No. 77-1443

AMERICAN SECURITY COUNCIL
EDUCATION FOUNDATION,

Petitioner,

v.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondents.

**On Petition For A Writ of Certiorari To The United States
Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit**

the ASCEF complaint. Instead, it simply stated that a TV network could not be held responsible for the content of its programs in a broad manner. If this interpretation of the Fairness Doctrine is allowed to go unchallenged, the result could be a dramatic reduction in the public's ability to get fair coverage from the media.

Currently, the FCC is simply cutting off the public's right of complaint under the Fairness Doctrine. It is literally rejecting 96 percent of all complaints against TV bias on procedural grounds. The FCC is simply not fulfilling its role as the watchdog over TV fairness.

Coalition Congressional Testimony Generates Nationwide Media Coverage

The Coalition's presentation of a petition to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee has attracted the attention of the American news media from coast to coast.

The testimony of the Coalition was the lead story on *NBC Nightly News* and *CBS Evening News*. Both networks noted that the momentum in the SALT debate is now shifting in favor of the opponents of SALT II. NBC stated, "SALT II is losing ground in the U.S. Senate." Both gave viewers direct quotes from General Graham and Admiral Moorer. NBC News stated that the Coalition's witnesses had clearly "upstaged" the pro-SALT witnesses during the day's testimony. CBS even featured a copy of the Coalition's petition against SALT II on the screen.

The nation's big radio networks also realized the importance of the Coalition's protest against SALT II. Stories on the Coalition were broadcast across the country by the CBS, NBC, ACR, AIR, and NPR radio networks. In discussing the Coalition's testimony and other events NBC Radio reported that the pro-SALT forces now had "their work cut out for them."

While the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times* downplayed the story, other newspapers all over America gave it front-page attention. For example, the *Denver Post* placed its coverage of the Coalition's testimony at the top of its front page as did the *Chattanooga News-Free Press*. The *New York Post*, with its circulation of over 600,000, gave the Coalition prominent coverage. Good stories were also run by the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Philadelphia Bulletin*.

Examples of nationwide media coverage generated by Coalition testimony.



Louisiana Coalition Helps Win Major Victory in U.S. Senate

As noted in the last issue of the *Insider*, Senator Russell Long (D-La.) was visited by a delegation from the Louisiana Coalition for Peace through Strength urging him to vote against SALT II. Shortly after this visit the

Senator came out squarely against SALT II and in an extensive interview with Carl Rowan of Washington's WDMV TV warned the public about the grave dangers of Soviet expansionism.

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